

Lassen County Adult Detention Facility

LASSEN COUNTY

ADULT DETENTION FACILITY

Response Requested: None

Findings: The Lassen County Grand Jury completed its annual tour inspection of the Lassen County Adult Detention Facility and new Sheriff's office. The Grand Jury toured these facilities in October 2003 and February 2004. When the jury toured the Sheriff's office they were still in the process of moving into the new facility, which is a larger operational center. The larger center provides dispatchers, clerical staff and supervisors a much-improved working environment.

During our tour of the detention facility it was observed that staffing levels were about the same as the previous year. However, we were informed of possible staffing cuts due to budget constraints. The twenty-four hour patrol would be the first thing eliminated, followed by staffing cuts. The facility is operated on a very tight budget and there is little room for additional cuts there.

The facility continues to operate under the State of California as a return to custody facility, as well as serving as the County Jail. It operates at a profit.

Commander Warren and his staff are very knowledgeable about issues affecting the detention facility from medical issues such as a "Plata" to the use-of-force policy they have.

Recommendations: None